Ordo R−R et AC − Arthur Edward Waite

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The Testimonies of <u>Frater Finem Respice</u>,

Imperator or the Templum Stellae Matutinae,

On Matters connected With the alleged Third Order,

the German Rosy Cross and the Business of his Temple.

Transcribed 1915,

(Title of Post 8vo half morocco hound notebook in the hand of A.E. Waite)
Abstract of text: Meetings with FR at dates given.

1. Nov. 1906

1. SDA survived some years after her alleged death. SA hoodwinked to the extent of believing this.

2. Niece of SDA still alive, living mostly in Munich. She is also an occultist.

3. SDA had influence with 3rd Order to extent of exercising control over its relations with DDCF

4. Karl Kieswetter (Rosicrucian library described in 1º Initiation) died in 1895

5. FR obtained key to cipher mss. by occult means via 3rd Order.

6. − 8. 3rd Order recognised no body not recognising it; knew of Independent &Rectified Rite, not keen to have it approached; decided that it might do so.

9. If I &R.R. recognised, might communicate with both orders but referred back.

10. Appears that FR approached MWT and I as he had more on his hands than he could cope with.

11. − 12. A concordat wouldn't be much use to FR but unification would: if latter, FR, would succeed Frater Aryabatha as co−chief.

13. Didn't then mention to FR that if unif. did occur his 3rd Order must permit him to become a Mason.

14. FR open−minded over concordat v. unification − he suggested the former.

15. Concordat preferable to SR

16. FR made authorised revision of 0=0, 1=10 and 5=6 grades.

17. − 21. FR invited Lucem Spero to join his group: L.S. put questions to 3rd order, which questions FR did not fully understand (probably re Masonry) nor the answers; L.S. satisfied with answers but didn't join FR (Questions may have been re SCR, about which FR knows nothing.)

22. I told FR that our important rituals are Neophyte &Adeptus Minor

23. FR said that 3rd Order insisted on inclusion of Zelator grade.

24. FR &SR agreed that 0=0 and 5=6 were no essentially work of DDCF.

25. But 3rd Order thought DDCF interpolations in rituals too numerous

26. FR claims to have received syllabus of occult knowledge beyond T.A.M. grade

27. plus notes towards 6=5 grade ritual

28. "In reply to my direct question, these include information regarding the Hanged Man"

29. DDCF received communications forming basis of 5=6 grade

30. " supposed to be practising Black Magic: 3rd Order look on him kindly but warily, consider him not beyond reclamation.

31. FR communicates with 3rd order by performing ceremonies in a secret room in his house: answers to his questions come by letter in 3 or 4 days.

32. 3rd order reach him by being seen astrally and communicating what they wish (occurs anywhere)

33. Third method: FR sometimes writes via an intermediary in London. Letters reposted by interm. (who is an occultist) − replies take 7 to 9 days.

34. German adept whose name SR should know, is member of oldest R.C. Order . FR has not permission to give me his name.

36. *[indecipherable − AS]* mss. of Kieswetter's grandfather not yet dispersed.

37. − 39. Sub Spe has no key to cipher mss. but would like one; Sub Spe's Order of Sun mss. Came into hands of Alta Peto who lent them to Sub Spe who did not return them saying A.P. had no right to them whereas he was in communication with the Order and had been received in.

II. Nov. 16, 1906. MWT also present.

(From here on numbered paragraphs omitted by RG. Feb. 76)

Concerned 3rd Order answers to questions (a) as to FR becoming a Mason should unification occur, (b) share of both branches in further knowledge from 3rd Order. 5.R./MWT not impressed by FR's comm. from 3rd Order − e.g. revised rituals to be set side by side with originals for members (c.f. Sub Spe's "revised rituals for study only") MWT said he would answer as to truth of anything regarding "Hanged Man". "FR held that it represented the position of Christ when he fell in carrying the cross up the hill of. Mount Calvary. He thought otherwise that it referred to the Passion" "This is only a half truth which our interpretation includes implicitly, as the greater includes the lesser (SR)"

III. Meeting with Sapere Aude. Dec.15th 1906

SDA's address not on cipher mss but an other papers. SA hopes to obtain Rosicrucian mss. from an acquaintance of Theodor Reuss who is supposed to have been a "Ros. of ths Old School." SR thought this referred to Kieswetter but was told no. Mathers sent 5=6 grade from France, obtained partly by his wife's clairvoyance. Kenneth Mackenzie related to surname holding office at Grand Lodge, and R.W. Little obtained papers concerning Ros. connections with FM from G.Lodge by connivance of this person; From papers Little arranged ritual of Red Cross of Rome &Constantine, A rumour of this abstraction of mss. led to trouble.

IV. Meeting with SA on August 10, 1906

(Brought about by SA's fear of *Crowley* *exposing him with ref. to cipher mss. SA wrote to Waite, as did Gardner)*

AC presently living at 21 Warwick Rd. S.W. writing to SA from Paris. Mathers in country, some 40 miles from Paris. AC claims to be a mason but not known under what jurisdiction, poss. bogus claim to mislead SA. AC aims to frighten SA into placing cipher mss. in British Mus. where AC can copy them. Claims people have been cheated and he is ending the deception. Sent SA copy of leaf from book upbraiding SA for GD connections and calling SA "the traducer of the noble Eliphas Levi"

Old address at which "AC orgies took place" was 11 Chancery Lane. Many letters tram AC to SA − dealt with in his absence by Cadbury Jones. AC's family brewers of C. Alton Ales; AC called himself Lord of his farm estate in Scotland. SA described Fr. Aryabartha as collecting grades, enjoying chairing, talking of but not lending his books − contrary to SR's experience who felt this better described SA Fr.A. exposed Hermetic Brotherhood of Luxor under pressure from Pattinson. Sat Bahai invented by Archer. Pattinson's Order of Light combination of Sat Bahai and others − SA thinks highly of it. SA has Eliphas Levi ms. "Le Livre des Sages" 1870 (same period as Gates of Light), also has ms of coloured diagrams only. SA consents to former being announced far Hermetic Text Society pubn. Trans. of Soc.ros. Northern Coll. obtainable says SA, also one complete set of Met. Coll. Trans. available. SA thinks Woodford the greatest Hebrew Scholar he knows; Woodford showed him SDA's address an a loose slip of paper − not among others.

IV (Cont.) Mathers not the intermediary. SA has a number of curious mss. SA considers printed document issued by Second Order Council at time of Mather's expulsion as defamatory to SA although not so intended. Didn't no (sic) AC had been at Cambridge but thought he was warned to leave. AC has obtained much correspondence and perhaps other papers from Mackenzie's Wife's estate. SA always talked on Hermetic subjects with Woodford. SA says ciphers of Chymical Marriage decode into German − he has interwritten them in my book (i.e. R.H.R.) but it comes to nothing. Palladium of Sat Bahai came from an Indian Temple, as did the alleged mysterious ribbon.

V Meeting with Sub Spe at his Office on February 12,1910

(Concerning infringement of copyright over Order rituals by AC)

Simpkin Marshall (as pubs. of Equinox) have legal dept. and would fight any action. Bringing copyright action could be expensive unless successful. If writ could not be served on AC then threat of prosecution to publishers might delay delivery of next Equinox (said by SR). Seems printers (Ballantyne) might he glad of excuse to stop ptg. Eq− from course taken by Regnum Dei.

AC: Sub Spe doesn't think he would go into witness box: no−one knows where he is living; living again with his wife as the divorce was due to collusion with aim of getting money from Kelley. SR dubious about this as £1000 p.a. comes from AC's mother and money from Kelly to his wife. Scottish court investigating poss. of collusion. If a writ is served mould need £25−50 paid in bank as prosecutor (DDCF) lives abroad, so DDCF will visit England, staying with a woman friend to have an address. SA has told DDCF to be in England by March 1. Resurgam will have nothing to do with the action as he could show no interest in the copyright. R. suggests that all existing Temples should recognise DDCF as titular head while remaining autonomous, also invited SS to be chief in R's temple; SS will join but not accept post of chief. SS admitted he is chief of S.M. Inner Branch but it seems there are wardens with titles as in Outer Order; he himself is Theoricus, very keen for "further knowledge". Said Vestigia became 6=5 ten years ago but hadn't qualified. Vestigia said went through a ceremony but Vigilate says this is not so. SS says he has heard from Vest. and she is ready for 7=4, so he has been in touch with DDCF. SS says only one side at case against DDCF was heard but at the time he agreed with expulsion and joined council to manage Order − probably DDCF and SS have been working to get Temples back under one head (DDCF titular and SS acting head in Britain). SS says anyone can be a mystic but one must be born an occultist or magician − I think that those who follow the Divine Path attain God while those who follow the path of perdition go easily to the devil. SR told SS that DDCF had nothing for his Temple.

Resurgam knows of other London Temples but is confused. Thinks that S.Keels(?) has temple at Acton with which SR is connected but not as head. SR doubts SS's word over this. SS talked as if many people (i.e. his members) had 6=5 and stressed the 7=4, speaking as if he knew SR's Higher degrees and saw them as not the real thing. The talk was cordial save for SS manner. SS said he refused to tell Resurgam about Temples he knew of. SR thought FR would jump at Titular head idea; suspects SS may be Inner Wardan of FR's branch, thus voiding concordat, FR says SS is Praemonstrator of Outer Grades, SR suspecting he may hold this position in thn Inner. Not clear from what SS actually said whether this was so. SS said SA held full 6=5 but 7=4 only in honorary way. To serve writ on AC they will use a "safe woman" to act as inquirer into C.' AA and carry the writ with her.

(Addendum: "I took care that my Temple contributed nothing to the expenses of DDCF in respect of his suit which was duly lost" Something came from Resurgam and prob. FR's group. See correspondence (esp. SS to FR Dec 13 &16 1909, RB *[typing hard to read]* to Ballantyne, Hanson − re Alta Peto)

VI From undated letter received Feb.12, 1910

(written by SS − prob. shown to SR in confidence. recipient and writer not given)

Resurgam asked SS if he still belonged to any branch, urged him to join his "Temple and become a chief, offering him all the advanced mss. so far as they had them. 5S said it needed great consideration (although he had already consented to join) Resurgam working for 7=4 but not yet there − could assure S5 that only DDCF held the 7=4, R understood that SR had a temple at Acton but being merely a literary man It counted for nothing. Also temple of one S. Keels, and another unnamed (SS's?) DDCF keen for recognition as sole source of advanced knowledge − but allows autonomy.

VII Meeting with FR on February 19th 1910.

Hears that Resurgam works for 7=4 (prob. told by SS). Does not know that SS has joined R. Temple under DDCF, thinks he is still reflecting on FR's proposal. This last confirmed over telephone to SR by "Nobis est Victoria, speaking on the square" Heard of astrological knowledge issued by DDCF for 6=5 and 7=4, concerned somehow with fixed stars Aldebaran and Fomalhaut and others. *(Gives details)*

FR giving up much by renouncing this knowledge: but he thinks DDCF has nothing we could not get elsewhere. SR said that DDCF had long since ceased to have any connection with 3rd order so his knowledge of no value. FR writing to SS to offer choice between him or Resurgam − with Concordat in formner case, but he sees that SS may be out for supremacy over all temples in Britain with DDCF as titular head. FR has seen Mrs. St.John's £1400 opal, once in Spanish then French crowns, Mrs St.J. advised to make it an offering to Our Lady at some shrine or other as it belongs to Out Lady. Claimed to be unlucky in unlawful possession by Indian clairvoyant. FR thinks psychic opinions are being obtained to enhance its value.

VIII Meeting with Soror Fortiter et Recte on March l2th 1910. (Soror Vigilate present)

DDCF first mentioned order to Fortiter about March 1888. She took Neophyte grade at Vestigia's studios In Fitzroy St. in December 1889, present was Count Subna. *[or "Bubna" − typing hard to read. AS]* 1=10 and 2=9 in sitting room at Fitzroy St. Historical and Pillar lectures given to her but not allowed to be copied. "given with no orders" Didn't see it again until Clifton St. days when note about Woodman's death was added. Second Order Hist. lecture was also not to be copied. Enochian Tablets lecture given to Philosophi Tattwas lecture not intended for the ordor. Perhaps Fortiter put it into circulation when she gained important position.5=6 grade before 2nd Order completed; SA showed Fortiter single sheet with diagram of Cruces Ansatae over altar for the grade. Told by SA that much difficulty had in translating 5=6 grade cipher being in alternate lines of French, English and Latin (thus no translation needed !!) There was "red ink" on the sheets but SA did not say it was copy of cipher. At 5=6 grade DDCF told Fortiter that there were people above him. She knew Inner Order was under way. Took 5=6 degree at Thavie's Inn, no roof on vault and paint on Crook and Scourge still wet. Fortiter first to take 5=6.

DDCF, VNR and SA took obligation from each other. All arrangements of both orders there in confusion. F. had Hexagram and Pentagram lectures at Florence soon after with list of 2nd Order examinations. F. then went to Venice where Vestigia stayed with her. Had changed and developed Mania − told F. that they were mixed up in politics as would she be also. Weren't explicit about political work. Sub Spe came on scene about this tims. DDCF hadn't been to Paris when F. took 5=6. F. took it early In 1891. Her first payment to Vestigia as an art−student was made March 17, 1891. Second payment on June 29, 1891 after which DDCF joined V. in Paris.

IX Meeting with FR on March 25, 1910

There is temple under DDCF at Middlesboro' Called AO − name given by DDCF to GD after Horos scandal. Harley St. doctor setting up temple in London under DDCF, Not connected with Resurgam, DDCF dissuaded from appealing over his lost copyright action; he returns soon to Paris.

Great secret FR had From SA is: (1) Persons aiming to revive G.D. were SA, Woodman and Woodford. (2)DDCF co−opted later to work up rituals (3) Ciphers came first to Woodford. SR asked FR, on his Masonic honour, whether he was led to believe that the ciphers were forced − he said not. SR recited his own grounds far suspicion over ciphers: (1) Reference to Ritual of Dead (2) to Rose of Creation &thus to E. Levi (3) familiarity with Book of Dead, inferred from ritual of Path of Tau. Lawyer Cran talks of action against AC for libel in Equinox and contempt of court in reporting decision − absurd as no libel and report is factual.

X Meeting with FR on April 11th, 1910

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FR said CRC real person and he hoped to obtain certificates of birth and death to identify him, such certificates being kept in monasteries at the time. Hoped too to find the vault of CRC. Claimed that SR was being guided in framing rituals for recon. order, and that FR's office was to keep SR on Earth so that he doesn't rise too far − which is SR's danger whereas FR's is an over leaning tp material &occult sides.

XI Meeting with FR June 10, 1910

FR had two,letters from SA (about June 1st&7th). SA had heard from DDCF who had offered to withdraw charges against SA, thus making SA think he could action DDCF for libel, this being a confession of guilt! With letter was tranalation (or copy) of document:

[1] 8 January 25, 1888

> To the Frater Non Omnis Moriar,
> I authorise you to sign my Motto "Sapiens Dominabitur Astris" to any papers which are necessary to carry out my wishes as to forming temples and carrying an the work of the Order.
> Faithfully yours,
> Sap Dom Ast
> 7=4 [2]

Sent to FR after asking for information as to warrant under which SA began to work. Letter with it referred to warrant of Isis−Urania − claimed by DDCF to have been forged. (Not in fact so.SR) FR said DDCF's charges mere forging letters &signatures of SDA and forging the warrant. Letter quoted supposed to justify all existing signatures, but SR knows only of those on old rolls. FR has original I−U warrant, allegedly from 3rd order but prob. from SS who could have obtained it at the time of the split. SA had referred an acquaintance of AC who wished to join the Ros. Order to FR; she called on FR who "treated her rather brusquely" − she seems to be wealthy. SR thinks that the SDA letter is spurious being uncharacteristic of a high adept.

SS is in comm. with DDCF and has received paper (prob. Theoricus stuff) which are promised to FR − but FR seems unaware of the risks of going in with SS and thus being under him. DDCF claims to have 3rd order material but FR doesn't believe this, nnr that DDCF has met 3rd order people in the flesh (wheares FR claims to have)

XII Notes of meeting with FR August 1st, 1910

Concordat. FR would be sorry if it were terminated. He says that there are no Co−Equal chiefs with him in his Second Order and no chiefs who are not un−equal. Thought that NEVs contradiction of this due to NEV being Cancellarius in Outer Order and thinking he was thus a chief In the Inner. FR showed SR a pledge of two neophytes received into his branch last Saturday accepting FR as sole guide − but it is irrelevant to 2nd Order headship. FR has held no Inner meetings, save ceremonies, has never ornanised 2nd Order and has no constitution; has acted on his own responsibility and accepted whatever candidates he chose. FR read out letter from NEV showing latter's dissatisfaction, due says FR to his being nervous over reunion of SS and DDCF. Should this occur, FR would enforce SS retiring from St.Mat. FR showeed SR typed notes with signatures of SS and NEV saying that the concordat was solely FR's responsibility − this would support idea of single headship but why sign it if they heid no official position ?

Prob. SS believes he holds same position as pre−spilt, but NEV never held office save that of Scribe when general meeting at MMH had division proposed by SR.

XIII Masting with FR October 14th 1910

SR had talk with SA at Soc. Ros. meeting on 13th. SA said that SS was planning to restore Amen−Ra Temple at Edinburgh which SA thinks will not be under DDCF (though SR disagrees) − SS asked 5a for original Consecration Ceremony used for first Amen−Ra but SA says he has't got it.

FR had seen SS at Rebman's but nothing was said on the above. FR knows of SS intentions and has written saying that anyone joining a Temple under DDCF must resign from the St.Mat. − including SS, but he may not see it that way. SS has asked FR for loan or gift of Amen−Ra robes &properties; these had been given by SS earlier. FR will give them to him. Kate Moffat &W.Carnegie Dickson are keen to join the new Amen−Ra, both surprised that this would mean resigning from St.Mat. But FR would take FFJ back once he finds out how things are in Amen−Ra. Ex Oriente Lux (Meakin) tells FR that he has heard that AC has been warned by police to be out of England by Oct.15.(SR sceptical). FR says AC stole 6=5 and 7=4 rituals from DDCF and will publish them in Equinox. (SR sceptical of this − thinks they are invented ones of AC)

SS has been to Oberammergau and on way via Paris saw DDCF − nothing said about it. In Germany, FR met Fraulein Anna Sprengel, c 65, supposedly niece of original and a patient of FR (treated at a distance) FR thinks Anna Sprengel may he name used by different people not related for occult reasons (one at a time). Meeting either in Amsterdam or Berlin, inhere SA was at time, but FR couldn't arrange meeting because QL (Mrs.F) wouldn't let FR out of her sight − SA saw her and wouldn't go for SDA meeting on account of Mrs. Westcott *(Presumably Mrs. W. &QL did not mix well −RG)* In tha same way QLs presence stopped FR meeting 3rd Order people. By having to postpone Saturday meeting to Monday FR lost chance of meeting those from whom he would have got Kieswetter mss. But he did, allegedly, meet some mysterious people.

News from 3rd order is: Old retired London clergyman belongs to conclave in question FR has his name and address. Another name and address were given him, but he is to wait until approached by this person. FR was believed by 3rd Order to be involved with AC. Other info. from Third Order hindered by presence of QL.

Alleged by others (not 3rd Order) that original GD (pre 1885) still exists in London − once included DDCF, SA &Panus. They have true cipher ms. that of DDCF being an imperfect copy "improved" by him, and arranged to fall into hands of Woodford. (SR says that this implies DDCF being deliberately after imposture because of faked watermark of 1809) Perhaps this is astral information.

being the book copied by CRC in Arabia [3]

XIII(Cont.) //FR maintains that there is Vatican ms. being the first matter of Rosicrucianism, also another Vatican ms. stolen and now in London. FR hopes to locate site of Damcar. He missed Equinox meeting of SM being fog−bound hack from America. In his place EOL acted as Imperator and told people that FR was sole head in London, also that concordat was his sole responsibility. FR thought 3rd Order was magical which SR believed did not make far Divine Union. They agreed to differ over the question or the Way.

XIV Meeting ulth FR December 12, 1910

One Prink, a theosophist of Amsterdam, claims to know SR, publisher of TSoc. there is Ginzel. TSoc people &3rd order object to SR revising rituals, because they feel nothing Rosicrucian should be printed (nor had been on their part). GD rituals thus not Ros. SR pointed out that English GD was no concern of theirs; they agreed so but said they did authorise GD. One original pre−l885 member was East end clergyman mentioned in Life of Anna K. (later edition only) − members included HPB,SA,Papus, Anna Kingsford &Maitland. Original CD cipher In Brit.Mus. 5=6 ritual sent to DDCF by Belgian doctor at Liege. There is a Hungarian Count claiming to be St. German and to have the elixir who is to visit London; he writes to Mrs. Drummond. Order now carried on under another name, unknown to FR. Woodford'ss mss including address af SDA were Ros. not GD; orig. GD had no German connection. 3rd order works Outer Temple in Germany on GD &Sephirotic lines. Thus SDA neither did nor could licence a temple. Story of how DDCF got 5=6 ritual told independently by DDCF to SA and by SA to FR. If true cipher is in BM, which is copy of which ? And from which did DDCF make his imperfect &dishonest copy?

XV Meeting with FR December 23, 1910

SS claims that I do not possess the 6=5 and 7=4 rituals on the basis of his testing me. He alleges that I told him I did not know about the Tarot Trumps. Those statements are untrue. When SS &wife went to Paris they were met by DDCF &V and given dinner and a concert. DDCF lives near Paris and carries out German (military) tactics an a large table. SS made honorary 7=4 but hasn't had the 6=5 or 7=4 rituals but has received 60−70 pages of Theoricus stuff. Has held first meeting of revived Amen−Ra, Kate Moffat present (see photocopy of members list. RG) Mrs Brodie−Innes has resigned from St.Mat., SS not yet. SS has received alleged outer order signs given by outer members (?) to 6=5 members. Differ entirely from Ordinary Signs. What does this mean? SS under DDCF although he denies it. Brasch people have started Temple independent, of Resurgam − paying 2l/− [4] of each entrance fee to DDCF. When In London SS attended a reception at Resurgam's house, allegedly worked well but cf. what said by Soror Mystica. FR affirms his determination to have nothing to do with DDCF − as becomes him with regard to German 3rd Order who have severed links with DDCF. Position is: DDCF alleges links with a 3rd Order but he lied; FR has succeeded in his links, but perhaps the two 3rd orders are not the same ? BUT: Up to recent times no German sequence of rites worked on a sephirotic system. SDA's grade of 7=4 should have been, on 1777 ritual basis, 7,3.

FR says there are several German external temples; the Second order begins with a ritual corresponding to 5=6, it has six steps or degrees. In 3rd Order is nothing beyond 8=3 (SR says this is Daath) The 5=6 used by DDCF is not correct. FR does not know how original GD people got cipher or how it came to be in BM they have no 2nd or 3rd order. 5=6 sent to DDCF by Dr. Thiessen of Liege who died in 1909. FR did not know why the DDCFs cipher copy was supposed to be fraudulent. But DDCF's fraud was in usin 1809 watermarked paper.

On basis of March 25 statements of SA and FR. Either Woodford, QSN &SA gave DDCF the ritual to work up in which case he didn't produce them. If this is not true, SA has lied to SR. If DDCF showed rituals to the three who asked him to work them up then again SA has lied to SR.

XV (Cont.) FR's statements mean that DDCF has faked all second order papers unless others came from Thiessen. FR has seen warrants etc. signed by SDA FRs American trip on account of EOL's claim about Graal. He has entered something and got further than EOL − more later.

FR has heard From London 3rd Order person − meeting difficult, person lives in a "distant part of London" Hindered in meeting by QA (meaning QL ? RG) Now FR says DDCF not in original GD but SA was − if true, SA has lied to FR and SR. If FR has found original GD society in London then Amsterdam Theosophists are telling truth. No 3rd Order in America but in Germany at Nuremberg and somewhere near the source of Danube.

XVI (see photocopy) [5]

XVII Meeting with FR March 16, 1911.

Original GD assembles at Vegetarian Restaurant of Eustace Miles then goes to another place. EOL gone to Cairo, largely on Bahai business, but has had 3rd Order papers on Tree of Life. These to he transcribed and shown to SR.

XVIII Meeting with FR July 24, 1911

FR had been to Soc. Ros. study group to hear about Egyptian things. There he was asked by SA what he had done about Mrs. Hartleben when it transpired that she had been referred to SR by Cadbury Jones instead of to FR − which made her "utterly sick" SA brought in Cadbury Jones but what was said is not known.

FR says Mrs.H, in 2nd Order in Paris by communication under promise of 8=3. Her husband transcribed occult ms, in a Paris library, but lost the first copy by occult means. Mrs.H. will tell of this to heads of Order in Secret as said in letter to SR. This news came either astrally or via C−Jones in which case Mrs.H. had been talking outside the Order. FR disgusted by way SA discussed GD with C−Jones and Songhurst. FR intends to hypnotise Mrs.H− to gain information − SR will not allow this.− allegedly for info. on DDCF but prob. after the occult ms. Mrs.H. allegedly obsessed by a serpent (astral) after transcribing of ms. SA also wants to know. SR opposed to giving SA any information.

XIX Meeting with FR July 31, 1911

FR now says had hardly heard at Mrs H. up to SA &C−Jones episode, but may have heard of her from A.P.S. The serpent was good and she didn't mind it but "some of her obsessions are dreadful" due to the occult ms. or to treatment by DDCF which was "bad". Mrs−H. connected with DDCF during Miss Major &Bennett period.

Bennett made relics genuinely hut of small size. Bennett fled from Paris at end of Ruby period on account of killing someone (with DDCF ?) in the Bois de Boulogne. Mrs.H. must tell her story to a male member of the order. SA &Jones meeting at University College where Petrie relics were shown by Mrs. Aitken to whom SA talked openly of working, she saying she didn't "work" any more.

EOL may get professorship of history at Southampton on return. Now in Constantinople Will get 1st degree of German Ros. initiation from the 3rd order at end of August. SA didn't know identity of "English clergyman" referred to before − suggested it may be Aryabartha; thus story seems to be apocryphal. FR trying to get written statement from his 3rd Order that DDCF was never connected with them − they hedge.

XX Meeting with EOL at house of FR Sept.15, 1911

3rd Order will allow EOL to talk to 3R on some things as thoy know of SR. EOL at Grade corresponding to Tiphereth. System is ascent of Tree by Middle Pillar− Grades are Malkuth, Yesod and Tiphereth.

XX (Cont.) Following grades are Daath &Kether or (if direct line abandoned) Geburah &Chesed. Rituals revised following leaks in France c 1840. EOL heard terms like Malkuth &Yesod in ceremonies. The rituals have become more Masonic and are removing those things leading to lower Magia, thus paralleling changes made in England by SR. Due to the same pressures . 3rd Order aim at reducing ritual. EOL has met Steiner &trusts him but says he veils things. There was a leakage in 1777. EOL told of old Passwords etc. Says he met over 1,000 claimed Rosicrucians, but only 100 genuine.

Addenda: (a) EOL saw no vault or pastos. Grades are mainly Christian, officers' clothing like that of Royal Arch, Masonic postulants preferred. They regard English order as derived from external Temple. DDCF had mss.

XXI Meeting with EOL &FR Sept. 25th 1911

German brotherhood does not wish for jurisdiction over English temples. EOL named FR &SR Temples, plus Edinburgh and Resurgam's. EOL's initiation took 3 hours but in full would have been 26 hrs. Despite FR's wish to have SR shown that the 3rd Order existed and was ancient, SR said that all EOL could do was describe the initiation he had received in Germany via FR. Words "Rosy Cross" come from Rosa and Tau, which is Provencal for rose, or they were Ros−Taw, i.e. Dew of the Rose (hut no Provencal connection shown).[6]

The one Head Lodge meets when required in various places. Inner Grade people start temples in various countries − numbers are largely German but also French, English, Danish, Austrian, Italian &Russian. As original Inner members died out same temples were left to die away, others became purely outer. No set archives. Link between Head Lodge and others by "Etheric currents", occult practices depending for success on such currents and on its good intent. DDCF thought of in France as simple impostor. Members, largely Fourth degree &equivalent to 6=5, called together hurriedly for EOL's initiation, which was a shortened form of 3½ degrees; third like Tiphereth using our implements, fourth something like Geburah apparently involved coming out of a tomb. They divide Annie Bessant's 33 degrees into 9 because 33 was a blunder for 3*3=9 (which says little for their Occult knowledge). EOL says SR's folding Ros. diagram correct but they have Zelator equal to Malkuth (he thinks) and Theoricus, Practicus &Philosophus arc put together in No.2 as a portal to no.3 − all very muddled. EOL thinks they don't keep minutes, not needing them being occultists, Their promised teaching is a kind of marriage of occultism &Mysticism. IF they are genuinely old it would be fine to have material not had by SA. 3rd grade has no vault but mise−en−scene provided astrally; ritual was in a small chamber but EOL was hoodwinked and moved about often so had no idea of size. At one point he had impression of being thrown down but only a short fall.

XXII Meeting uith FR Sept.26, 1911

EOL chose to take a year's exercises rather than immediate initiation. FR saw 3rd order man &his daughter in Hanover after postal comm. in London. Nothing then as he wasn't a mason but once he was went again to Berlin &Amsterdam. Then took Meakin (EOL) to Germany with previous result. EOL had final preparation of 14 hrs. with 20 min. break. EOL then took proposals from German 3rd Order to FR who turned them down. FR asked SR to join him and go to Germany for initiation. − the year's probation not being needed for SR. SR would get the trun initiation. But SR said his members were of different calibre from FR's "babes" and would need evidence of 3rd order. FR thought 7 or 8 of his people could be linked up in the chain. Would call one morning at P.R. *(Penywern Rd. ? RG)* to give facts to Vigilate. Didn't want to tell MWT personally. Germans say SDA story (i.e. Woodford &SA) true but will send no more warrants as they have been lost. They recognise I−U which is in FRs hands.

XXII (cont.) No temporal password given to external temples but a word goes etherically. Novitiate Exercises very simple. DDCF thought in France to be a worse impostor than Comte de Setlac exposed by Laura Finch. Nothing ever went from Germany to DDCF. In answer to SR, FR thought that entering chain didn't involve risk nf astral control.

Since no connection between German brotherhood and Cipher mss. SDA had no power to warrant a Temple working non−German order degrees. FR has met the London 3rd order person who has only the 3rd degree now held by EOL. SS gave password to FR received from DDCF. IF Dickson leaves SS, FR will give him a warrant and receive Mrs.D and one Smart into the 2nd Order. DDCF charges l,000 francs for admission to his Paris Temple. FR stressed he would always pass on what he knew as agreed in concordat. After leaving FR, SR saw QL who agreed his opinion of EOL's proposals − SR said his people would want evidence. SR suspects that FR is concealing part of his plan, (statement re SDA's mss may be fraud on part of Germans − the watermark question shows it all up).

XXIII Meeting with FR Oct 9, 1911

SR met FR at Sancta Maria Preceptory and they went part of the way home together.

Conditions (preparation for Entrance) must be met before anyone can enter German Brotherhood. FR would make everything clear to SR's people. Four of FR's put up for entrance into German Br. If SR joined he could put forward his own candidates. Must join the single Head Lodge − no subscriptions mentioned. Meets twice a year, lately at Genoa soon at Prague. FR will send photo. of cipher mss. page to Germans though it doesn't concern them. SR would wish to bring in (should anything come of it all) MWT, Regnum Dei and Vigilate. Connection at SR's temple depends on nature and objects of German order. FR still awaits papers, London agent not yet authorised to give him any.

XXIV Meeting with FR October 12, 1911.

FR called on SR and Vigilate unexpectedly bringing curious pack of Tarot Trumps. SR could only identify three of them − Sun, Moon, possibly Venus & the Hermit. Also brought various Sephirotic Trees, redrawn from rough sketches of EOL. One with GD attributions may have been "improved" by FR. FR knew nothing of the Trumps. Dickson saw SA when returning papers to him and mentioned as advised by FR Amen Ra warrant reiceived from DDCF (signed by DDCF). SS said it was the original, SA said it waa a fraud. Dickson has sworn not to work under DDCF. The German Br. has reps. in various countries who bring postulants to Head Lodge.

XXV Meeting with EOL November 10 1911

German fraternity only 10 or 11 years old. Prob. connects with ancient orgs. as do English Temples. Has no early archives. EOL showed SR Tarot cards made by him to order attributions. Showed Sephiroth in form of Cubes made from numbers derived from the letters of the Sephirotic names; also series of Figures allocated to Tarot. derived tram magical squares of planets. Advised SR against going to Germany as he would have to wait years for each grade. EOL has taken pledges, and is under obedience of German Br. FR taken no pledges. The probationary practices produce equilibrium; Tattwas used in Germany but not (he thinks) Enochian system. Colour systems used. Aim was to read Akasic records. SR asked, and EOL agreed that final aim was Divine Union. EOL spoke of some German Br. as Holy men; thought occult practices wouldn't hinder Divine Union. (SR is sure old grade sequence abandoned). EOL sure that German 3rd degree is our 5=6 in some form. He spoke or the tomb (and thus 6=5) but may have meant the vault, though the Temple itself is seen as the v. EOL interested in historical side but not other German brethren. FR only can give out knowledge from Germany. Candidates of 5=6 grade would have to be instructed by FR.

XXV (Cont.) EOL thought this instr. could be in either SR or FRs temple. SR assured EOL of his and Vig. interest. EOL assumed SR would approach them on his own initiative. Exercises easy for the clairvoyant, but FR said exercises easier if one was not clairvoyant. Germans have old passwords: they cosm[7] temporal passwords at solstices not Equinoxes. Fraternity connected with ES of Theos.Soc. and thus with Co−masonry, but this unofficial. Members may be in both. Theos. connection has led to stressing of Eastern ideas, this now discouraged.

XXVI Meeting with EOL November 13, 1911

EOL doesn't know about Tarot attributions in German Order; thinks they differ from ours. Fraternity called Rosy and Golden Cross; Steiner is a member but EOL doesn't agree with all he says (some or which is wrongly reported). Germans Chief not known to SR but thinks reorganised in 1890 by Steiner. Germans would rather EOL was their channel than FR but he has stayed loyal to FR (which is a pity) French members would be known to SR but Sedir not of themn. English member is one Piper. Germans wanted EOL, FR and SR to form a triad in England. Word of the Order is Ros−Tau; sign similar to first part of Adeptus minor ritual of 1777; Point of left index finger against left side of heart, 2nd finger out at an angle. Second part of sign unknown−in to EOL. Some masonic words are used (e.g. Shiboleth) and masonic signs (as EAD). Sign of 3rd degree referrs to solar plexus and contemplation. Their first degree *has word alluding to Fire like 1777 word of Zelator and Fire pillar is shown. 2nd degree (water)* shows water pillar, thus pillars are separated − which would be wrong in our symbolism. Death symbol, in 3rd degree, − how can this fir $\overset{8}{-}$ Tiphereth ? But they may not use Sephirotic system. SR believe Ros. connection begins with his 5=6 and they prob. have little of earlier sequence. German ES of Theos.Soc. is Co−masonic but they have had an overdose of A.B. Lower grades wish to break free of Theosophy yet they are keen on Atlantis! No alchemical activity. Concerned with healing through Steiner's influence. Last reformation was 1900 so Steiner may be behind it all. Older members carried aver (one French one is 70+) Schure prob. a member. EOL thought SR should inform his own people; will be seeing English member of German order soon and would take questions from SR. Healing by Colour − EOL in red one of the coloured rooms. FR has told his members and pledged them to secrecy − anxious that SS shouldn't know.

EOL promised to tell SR about the other order he is in for which he went to Germany.

* Thus no GD Correspondence.

XXVII Meeting with FR November 24, 1911

FR claims to have seen tomb of Phrygian at Haarlem and other tombs haveing RC and hexagram on them. Germans claim CRC real person, FR says of 13th cent. FR told Vigilate current solstitial password was CEHURUDWIN meaning of which he knows not.[9] FR doesn't know how psychic and occult practices can lead to Divine Union but believes that is the aim. FR agreed that Steiner prob. at the back, even poss. a Chief. FR admitted that he had before said he knew not of Steiner connection − he has met S. in parson. FR agreed that headship bias prob. 7 plus 8th in Heaven (CRC) to make ogdoad. FR agreed that Sephirotic system seemed absent. Germans have grades equal to 8=3 and 9=2 but not 10=1 (in 1777, still recog., 9,1 is Magus) Our own system connects with number ll. No grades corr. with Daath but FR thinks our supernals Sequence may be rep. by a Daath degree. Germans have 3 processes, each a triad with occult interpretation of Craft signs, attributions to centres in the body. Thus 3x3 (=9) processes, the 33 of Scottish Rite being a confusion of this.

References prob. to 9 1777 grades however, FR confused. Germans use ERO signs instead of LUX, which Vigilate says is Gnostic corr. to AUM. Signs thus: hand uplifted, thumb &forefinger uplifted=E; hand down, th. & ff ext.=R Hand over middle of body, th. &ff. joined=O. How first two correspond to letters not clear.

(XXVII Cont.) Steiner said to have mission to take Theosophy from Eastern hold. Convention of TS shortly prob. will break with A.B. Letters from FR are long in replying as all three chiefs must see them. Each period is 120 years, last ended in 1890 (but why not 1897 which would follow 1777?) FR has more info. from Theos. about GD cipher story, He is one Ginkel, says DDCF had cipher to transcribe: and used watermarked 1809 paper. G. once belonged to Ros. Frat. not linked with Steiner. EOL received at Munich. EOL &FR wrote to 6 people in Berlin, Munich, nr. Paris etc. German lecturing to FRs people was old GD member but progressed nowhere; joined at same time as Crookes. SR stressed importance of historical connection, but while SR was out FR told Vigilate that Germans wouldn't like mere historical interest. Steiner occult concerns with Akasic records, Atlantis etc. SR said how unlikely a B.M. ms was. FR has sent cipher copy to Germany (of P.l) 3x3 processes should he given in 9 instalments, involving a simple ritual:

In any Temple. Hierophant seated in E. Another officer (corr. to Hiereus) in W. Two pillars, blue and red, in N. Candidate between them. Blackboard in S. with sign on it. Process is (a) visualising, (b) transcribing the symbol within one, (c) placing certain letters on the symbol. Triadic division of process I. This or later process used to ascertain cosmic or general world−events of past, present or future.

Another process: In early morning find rose in garden with dewdrop on; remove it with tip of tongue where it is retained while pronouncing 3 certain words. (!!) This rubbish is supposed to be true and ancient occultism!. SR suggested to FR that position of red &blue pillars could be worked out from ours − black corr. with blue; black is Queen scale Binah colour, while in SR's scheme Binah is deep sea blue (Mary blue). SR pointed out paucity of ritual in 1777 higher grades. QL told SR that FR had been seeking German Order for years but only last year had found it.

XXVIII Meeting with FR December 14, 1911

SR suggested that working with German fraternity should be on a Masonic basis; recognise respective claims, mutual acquaintance of rulers, and nature of grades. SR asked FR how he could still use DDCF originating rituals when both are anxious for this connection to be done with. FR hopes to have rituals from Germany but SR pointed out that they would be no use unless Sephirotic. SR again pointed out that SDAs Hanover fraternity would give her no power to warrant London Temples, unless German grades were also Sephirotic. SR wants to know how it is that DDCF could have had no German connection if Germans use similar rituals? (e.g. Adonai Ha−Aretz process) FR has seen Alta Peto in Bournemouth and says she was in A.K.'s Hermetic Soc. Germans told FR that DDCF worked up ciphers and began GD with the Hermetic. Soc. Papus being a member. Alto Peto says Papus not in Herm. Soc. Thus German Theos. story collapses. prob. due to confusion − DDCF may have found pringted cipher alphabet in BM. If not confusion then SA is unqualified liar which SR thinks is not so.

XXIX Meeting With MWT Jan 27, 1912

MWT thinks 120 year story rubbish; recognises only two etheric currents − of Marconi and Christ. Serman should say what they want under seal. Occult practices close gates to Divine Union (SR thinks they don't open them at all). Doesn't believe in pre−1885 London GD.

XXX Meeting with FR February 16, 1912

Has sent SRs letter to Germany. Smith of Steiner mission in London not in German order. Ros. Lodge prob. to foward aims of "The occult Wisdom" student soc− aimed at freeing German Theos. from Besant. At German Theos. Convention December before this was proposed by Baron Walleen. They wish to quit Adyar because:

XXX (Cont.) Prominence of Eastern traditions, attitudes of A.B.(and that she isn't a true occultist), dislike of E.S. and of A.B.'s claim to be John the Baptist, as of claim that Alcyone is Christ − who cannot reincarnate. Dislike of Leadbetter and his alleged incipiant divinity. AB attacks German theos. in Vahan. Walleen in outer German order, but soon taking 4=7. His no, in 66; FR trying to arrange for us to meet him. FR has received some documents at last. Both QL and QA now TAM in FRs section. FR hasn't read Steiner and knows not of pan−spiritism hypothesis. FR thinks Steiner hostile to Leadbeater. German Ros. meeting next Whitsuntide in Sweden − FR to attend, with QL. FR has said nothing of Germans to Non Sine. Smith working in London Ros. Lodge with one Collison.

XXXI Meeting with FR April 26, 1912

Dr. Thiessen had supported SDA's action over GD, but FR doesn't know how he got in touch with DDCF. FR thinks Germans unwilling to put things in writing and they find his German difficult. He has had no German rituals but has had planetary diagrams, long ms. from Austria with Tarot reference in it and a typed document he will show to SR. Germans haven't answered over photograph cip or over SRs ideas on Masonic connection. FR has all materials for first German practice; SR should have practice details in June and should tell this to Vigilate. EOL's presence necessary as QL knows nothing, Germans don't like SRs seeing CRC as a myth in his book. SR said that if Ros. came into being historically then it had a founder, but Fama was a Legend. SR said evidence needed if German claim that origin was 13th C. was to he accepted. SR had to be careful in his book because of his Masonic pledges. FR agreed that there was difficulty over SR's great interest in historical reality question but they agreed to differ over occult side. SR doesn't think much of German Rosicrucian intelligence as a result. FR denies that SS heard anything from DDCF about source of 5=6 ritual. FR hasn't yet had a photo from Dickson of the Edinburgh Temple warrant.

XXXII Meeting with FR Monday June 6, 1912

FR came to QVs Nursing Home and related important talk he had with SA, who had sent for FR − saw him first at Soc.Ros. Library, then at SA's house while Mrs W was out. SA worried about fate of his order papers after his death; FR thought he is afraid DDCF would get them. SA told him that they are in the Chancery Lane Safe Deposit Co. SR suggested that he should get from SA the safe key plus authorising letter to C.L.S.D.Co. FR expects he will do this. SA showed mss. to FR: Some cipher mss. on 1809 wmkd. paper, other unwmkd. − paper from BM authority gives opinion that undated paper is c1780; also saw orig. SDA letters plus affidavit from the translator, and receipts from DDCF for sums paid by SA for developing the ciphers into rituals. Promised papers from SDA didn't come because she died. SA knew nothing of 5=6. SA has two variants of the "Secret Symbols" DDCF told SA that 5=6 came from an adept, altered by DDCF.

FR told SS he couldn't attend SM C.C. ceremony. FR treats NEV as demitted. Father Fitzgerald − Deus Meus Deus − has come up to London and there was an early Celebration at Prebeddary Denison's Church, in a side chapel. Prayers desired for EOL, SR and another. New Portal Ritual introduced into SM Temple, created by FR with help from visions of QL. On medical grounds FR is to winter in N.Z. going by sea with QL and QA − announced at CC ceremony, which has been altered to conform with SR's early revision of 5=6 opening and closing. Outgoing CA goes into vault with the SA who came out as CA bearing the light. This is our old form used at Albion Road.

XXXIII Meeting with FR June 11, 1912

FR brought letter from SA with copy of cipher letter from Liege adept to SA. Cipher was GD, signature was Lux ex Tenebris. Letter said SA shouldn't fear as DDCF was cut off from communication, no date or address but SA says he has dated envelope. SR said this went against German claim that DDCF had never had dealings with them. FR said Liege Doctor acted on his own. Letter dated about time of first split in GD. Cadbury Jones is executor of SA but SR said he must put intentions into writing regarding safe deposit. By arrangement with QV, SR mentioned guardedly that FRs portal ritual was changed; reminded FR that he had said Paroketh veil should be shown in Temple. FR did not remember, but "changed colour very much getting his white and old look." FR said change was to conform with German sequence but refused to show ritual to SR as he didn't accept the Germana. SR said he still had open mind but needed evidence, should see FRs ritual under pledge of secrecy − FR to think about this.

XXXIII (sic) Meeting with FR August 1st, 1912

FR and QL visited on their Journey: Cologne, Ulm, Stuttgart, Munich, Vienna, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremberg and Berlin. Both received into 4 grades &something said quietly to FR alone so that others, inc. QL should not hear. (SR couldn't see how unless they were deaf) QL is as consequence a Master Mason ! 4th grade corr. to Master Mason and our 6=5. 1st Grade is Entered Apprentice and grades 0=0 to 4=7; thus 3rd grade prob. 5=6 and Fellow Craft. 3rd grade has trial by 4 elements or corr. with Neophyte. What of 2nd grade ? Pres. Portal. Although shortened, ceremonies took 5½ hours. FR is now, says SR, pledged to secrecy over this affair. QLs presence hindered FR. 4th grade: candidate given 3 blows by persons rep. (a) WM, SW &JW (b) Hierophant, Hiereus &Hegemon (c) Ormuzd, Ahriman and Lucifer. After struck doing, candidate placed in Coffin which is screwed down. Organ plays, loud voices; brought out, sees fire then darkness and he is alone, Then sufficient light for him to see he is alone; glass for reflection in front of him. FR received 5th and part of 6th degrees, QL didn't. 5th degree (like our 7=4) is that of Teaching Adept. Candidate placed in coffin, taken Into vault, then brought out so that all see it is empty then candidate shown at a height above people as risen adept. Chief Adept higher again in cloud of incense which is driven away and celebrant revealed. Gives T.Ad. warrant to candidate. Both FR and QL preferred their own degrees. Nothing is put in writing. SR thinks rituals modern because of Akasic records ref. FR admits revised c 1900. FR argreed that Steiner's manner might not−be liked; Steiner is uncouth, not so pleasant as DDCF, after power and has great occult power. FR saw three temples, only one purely Ros. One had crucifix and Lords Supper + Madonna on walls. Here go German Theos. who want Steiner knowledge − when they go further enter another roam and have 1st grade. These must be Steiner creations, being German T.S. places save the one purely Ros. On Ros. matters Steiner under direction of inner group, through whom pres. he was initiated. Doesn't fit S. claims to he overshadowed by Christ and CRC or are these claims made only by others ? All this contradicts FRs story of one Head Lodge. Reincarnation of CRC to take place between 1936 and 1950 (so much for <u>Count Rakocszi</u> !) Germans demonstrated clairvoyance to FR, describing SS to him. Both FR and QL felt a presence during their receptions, people were excellent, FR and QL seem to have benefitted. They called DDCF a paid clerk of SA, Woodford and QSN. DDCF has manufactured 6=5 and 7=4 which SS has &one of them is 40pp long. Thus Germans correct about higher grades. FR asked by SS whether he would bring SM temples under DDCF. FR still doesn't know how Woodford came by cipher mss. or when he parted with them. FR thinks Egyptian Elements due to DDCF, but SR pointed out that may be so with 5=6 but if with other lower grades then DDCF must have produced the Cipher. Either Germans not clear or FR vague. Germans maintain GD came from worked up rituals of DDCF under the triad

XXXIII (Cont.) Germans also say there was no AC connection at first; both DDCF and DEDI were in other society; DDCF went to Paris, got mss. from Arsenal for 5=6 and worked it up with Vestigia by aid of clairvoyance. DDCF saw "Secret Symbols" in <u>Arsenal.</u> But, says SR, they could have been seen at BM; doubtful story to account for non−English sources other than Germany. Thiessen gave DDCF only obligation upon the + $\overset{10}{-}$ How long has SA had his copies ? Info. re grades could have come from Soc. Ros. grades ar 1770 grades given by Mackenzie's encyclopaedia. Prob. wrong also over DEDI; may have been SS about whom Vigilate heard in this connection (prob. Jacobite). Germans hopeless over dates. Thiessen allegedly wrote to DDCF first. Lord Lytton was member of now defunct Hanover lodge. FR says new Theosophical Rosy Cross uses GD rituals taken from Equinox pub. − but could have come; from Theos. members of GD. Story of 3 Temples and part or

8=3 (6th) grade repeated by FR to QV.

XXXIV Meeting with FR August 13, 1912

5th grade given to FR in whispers, 6th grade account given privately. 2nd grade corr. with Fellow Craft and Portal. Teaching warrant verbal only. 6th grade enables Adept to communicate power, via unseen forces with whom he is linked. CRC relnc. from 1939 ta 1950. FR hadn't heard of Lalcovich In German Ros. FR will try to find intermediary between Thiessen and DDCF − postmark on envelope to SA is Liege Station so could have been sent while passing through. Grades in Germany meant to represent progress into manifestation. From unmanifest state, via development in manif. through Lemuria &Atlantis − first circumamb. is done backwards to rep. going back through earlier states. Masonic unclothing rejected by Germans. Thus new idea, as suggested by MWT. Collson in Germany, prob. taking degrees equivalent to what he has in SM.

XXXV &XXXVI See photocopies [11]

XXXVII Meeting with FR October 8, 1912

Smith told to change his Rosicrucian Society to Anthroposophical, he wanted Supremacy among English emissaries who couldn't thus work with him; tried to get help for building hall but nothing From Germany. Baron Walleen exceeded instructions; Meebold unauthorised. Above from QL.

To stop SS getting hold of SM while FR is away, latter has left letters with Cephas (Peter Birchall) and Quis Separabit ?(Miss Childers) − they must refer to SR if SS pretends to have renounced DDCF. Any doubts or new members to come to SR. No 5=6 meeting; FR back from N.Z. for Vernal Equinox of 1913. SR given details of death of EOL, which death was itself painless. SR shown photo. repro. of warrant for Amen−Ra given to Dickson by SS −(signed by SA, Vestigia and prob. DDCF in the original) this copy dated 1893, signed by Macgregor Comte de Glenstrae:, SRMD as 5=6 and DDCF as 7=4. Great show of secrecy made, SS now out of SM Temple for opposing concordat about which he knew. Because of diff. between NEV and FR, letter attached to oid Rolls re−typed and signed again with Cephas in place of NEV. Three copies: one with FR, one with SR, one to go to Alpe &Ward, as does triplicate typed letter signed by FR and SR. Following EOLs death, FR now has many German papers; he may have not been sent them because he may not have been persona grata (as sugg. bv Lucem Spero) All these docs. placed in tin trunk at FR's bank. Cephas present Hierophant of outer grades.

Laurence Felkin has joined Crowley Society; attended evocation of the Phoenix[12] that FR thinks was some kind of Black Mass (SR wonders why) − it included long invocations dancing etc. and operator (not AC himself) stripped to waist and gashed in form of cross; but blood didn't raise phoenix, ended in failure after 3 hrs. AC wants Laurence to go with his party to Davos.

Heard more of Order at the Graal:

XXXVII (Cont.) Order of Graal: EOL 40th Grand Master, his father was 39th. Datea from King Arthur, had suspension of some 300 years down to days of EOL's grandfather. Three chief grades: Page, Novice, knight. Also many subsidiary grades. Much occult material hut FR says there is nothing special concerning Graal. 3 Magi and during EOL's lifetime, FR was made Senior Magus. (FR had earlier told SR that he was far beyond EOL − but how could this be with EOL as Grand M. ?) No strangers to join unless there are 3 Knights in one Family (as when FR joined − being EOL, his father and his half−brother). Since EOLs death Order is in hands of FR. Thus FR is 41st GM but he doesn't wish to be; in which case GM will be a relative of EOL's in Scotland. Had EOL lived he would have made Denis Felkin a page, also would have knighted his Scottish relative, whose name FR wouldn't give to SR. Still wants SR to be the Second Magus. Complicated and difficult rits. In Knighthood grade 3 (or 5 or 7 ?) archangels clothe the candidate. *(SR sceptical about whole thing −RG)*

XXXVIII Meeting with Henry Brasch (not dated)

Brasch into Resurgam temple via Mrs. De Bashe [Brasch?]some 2 years ago. Both resigned. Founded own Temple after visit by DDCF− came to nothing, so rejoined old Temple B. as Sub−Cancellarius, she as Cancellarius. Wardends of Temple are: Imperator − Resurgam; Praemonstrator − Sub Spe; Cancellarius − Soror Mystica. They ahey[13] have renewed many properties as stuff at Cavendish Rooms is verminous. They had 6=5 grade by letter, asked by Resurgam to send £5.5.0 [14] to DDCF; they refused and had insulting letters from DDCF so resigned once more. Prior to this Dr. Parrish resigned he had held 2nd order meetings in a Flat. No 2nd order meetings for 2½ years so Braach hasn't had 5=6. Two medals for 6=5 but no ritual. If neophyte pays 3gns. [15] then 2gns. goes to DDCF. Resurgam up to something with a Nurse Graham brought in by Soror Mystica whom he visited continually. Resurgam has 3 spirit children by an astral intercourse with on affinity. Bro. Brasch talked of Book Amash, extended by DDCF. For two years has worked an Claviculae Enochi. Worst book is Book of Concourse of Forces; Resurgam gave evidence against Crowley in Looking Glass case. Brasch has seen Faust magical mss. which he has translated partly; Brasch and Mrs. B both seem to he annoyed at not having offices in Resurgam's lot. Lamen of Chief Adept in 5=6 differs from that of SR. Temple Consecration ritual of DDCF includes obeisance to Isis. Brasch doesn't like Egyptian elements, prefers Christ Life. SR told him how his rituals were on the side of God. SRs order a path of symbolism, hence no knowledge promised. Soror Mystica's maiden name was Smith, daughter of late High Sheriff of Somerset and a Bristolian. Had unhappy marriage, has two children one a son of 28.

Brasch offered loan of German Ros. work to SR and says Three Globes lodge lib. has many mss. Told SR much about German Freemasonry, 4th &5th grades; high grades Christian, derived from Sweden and Zinnendorf. Brasch's Grand Lodge is Kiel in Holstein Brasch is about 40. Had garbled idea of what Resurgam calls SR's rebellion. SR gave true story and about AC − many scandals put out by Resurgam about SR. Brasch embittered by Mrs. Sheffield. Brasch has had financial difficulties. Very high opinion of Soror Mystica with whom he is going to Australia. May stay there. Hadn't answered past letter of SR because of the return to DDCF. "He is of course not a Gentleman" *(!! RG)*

XXXIX Meeting with Mr. Meebold May 7th, 1913

Meebold Emissary of Steiner, very keen to propagate Steiner views in England. Belongs to Steiner org. known to FR who had openned comm. by writing to Steiner. Thinks FR didn't understand what he saw; FR felt he couldn't carry on his group and appealed' to Steiner. Mss. from Germany only those sent by S. to anyone. CRC date is 13th cent. but gained from Akasic Records. As long as FR keeps his Order he will get nowhere with Steiner.

XXXIX (Cont.) FR is not link between English and German Ros. FR's mss. can be bought in Germany by Steiner students − told to SR by a Steinerite member of his own. Meebald says Steiner casts aside old systems, hence math. attributions not from him. Prob. done by EOL. Early in Steiner period, Meebold became a Ros. in Rome but broke up order by disputing their knowledge. People concerned emotional but well−meaning and serious. M says we can get reality by disbanding and joining Steiner. To M. only Steiner possesses truth. M. insisted on reason against emotionalism; also need for inspiration which S. has. (yet SR knows no−one more emotional that Meebold) SR asked if Germans were on point of discovering real tomb of CRC (as claimed by FR) − M. scorned this. SR repeated to M. tale of Steiner's being old school Ros. sent to wean Theos. back to Christianity. Prob. says M. reincarnated Ros. saw in Steiner a person with knowledge. Meebold staying with Mrs. Dalby who has sent Vigilate her resignation, this being imperative. (Insisted on by Steinerites says Per Deus to Vig.) Either Meebold exceeds his instructions or Steiner's statements to SR do not represent his rule. Question of Miss Maryan arises − but prob. not taking instructions from M.

XL Meeting With Mrs. Hartleben (undated)

Told 5R story of magical ms. in Bib. Nat. or Arsenal. She said it was copied by DDCF who lost his transcript, which she saw as occult intervention, but he returned and recopied it. At this time he became worse end of 1897 to Spring 1898. Heard story from Nisbet, whom she didn't like (nor his wife − both being members of Paris Temple) She liked Durand and wife. Other Paris member was Charles E. Price of 9, Charterhouse Street. Mrs. H. left Paris in 1898 being then 4=7.

DID THE STEINER INFLUENCE LEAD TO THE BREAK−UP OF WAITE'S I−U IN 1914 ?[16]

Notes by AS

1. At this point on the typescript there is a handwritten Mercury symbol.
2. Handwritten: 7 in circle, 4 in square.
3. sic: there must be a page missing, or Waite is being incredibly ironic.
4. To those not familiar with Britain's pre−1971 (non−decimal) monetary system, this is Twenty one shillings or one "guinea" (£1.05) − probably worth £100 − £200 ($150 − $300) in today's money (i.e. 2003). Note how the amount of money going to DDCF changes later on.
5. Photocopies not supplied.
6. Coincidentally − or even *not* so coincidentally! − **Rostau** is the name of the fifth duat of the Egyptian underworld, the location of the *Library of Thoth*, wherein is obtained *complete knowledge*. More prosaically, Rostau is the old Egyptian name for Gizeh, the site of the Great Pyramids. Perhaps "Ros−Taw" points to the origin of Rosicrucianism in Hermeticism or the Egyptian mysteries?
7. Sic.
8. Sic.
9. Surely this is Cerridwen, the Celtic goddess?
10. Here there is an arrow and a line drawn from "Arsenal" two lines above.
11. Photocopies not supplied
12. ? Perhaps he means the "Mass of the Phoenix", a Thelemic ritual of daily observance.
13. Sic.
14. Five Guineas − worth approx. £500 − £1000 ($750 − $1500) in 2003.
15. Three Guineas − worth approx. £300 − £600 ($450 − $900) in 2003.
16. Handwritten note − presumably by R A Gilbert.

Appendix − Dramatis Personae

By Alex Sumner

Finem Respice ("FR") − Dr R W Felkin − leader of the Stella Matutina, one of the sects which broke away from Mathers in 1900.

Sapiens Dominabitur Astris ("SDA") − Fraulein Sprengel, the apocryphal German Adept who is supposed to have originally authorised Woodman, Westcott and Mathers to found the Golden Dawn in England.

Sapere Audere ("SA") − Dr William Wynn Westcott, one of the original chiefs of the Golden Dawn − alleged he had corresponded with Soror SDA. Gave the Cipher Mss. to Mathers to translate. Was forced to resign from the Golden Dawn in 1897 when he accidentally left Order papers in a cab. Remained active in the SRIA (referred to in Waite's diary as "Soc.Ros.") of which he became head in 1892

Ma Wahanu Thesi ("MWT") − Marcus Worsley Blackden.

Sacramentum Regis ("SR") − i.e. Arthur Edward Waite himself. Originally a member of those who broke away from Mathers, Waite later broke away from the Stella Matutina itself to form the "Holy Order of the Golden Dawn". Waite Christianised the rituals of his new order, and excised the magical elements therefrom.

Lucem Spero ("LS") − Robert Palmer Thomas.

Deo Ducite Comite Ferro ("DDCF") − Samuel Liddell Macgregor Mathers. One of the original chiefs of the Golden Dawn − following Westcott's resignation in 1897 was the sole chief. Lived in Paris with his wife Moina where they ran the Ahathoor Temple. He claimed to have met the Secret Chiefs in person in the Bois De Boulogne. Earned ignominy by allowing himself to be duped by the Horos couple, the scandal of whose arrest and trial led to the Golden Dawn closing in 1903. Mathers' faction continued thereafter as the Alpha et Omega (AO).

Sub Spe ("SS") − John Brodie−Innes. Prior to split with Mathers, was head of the Amen−Ra Temple in Edinburgh. Acted as a chief of the dissident Stella Matutinae, was reportedly furious with Waite for splitting off to form a non−magical GD order. Later sought rapprochement with Mathers, which led to him re−joining the AO, and being named its head on Mathers' death in 1918.

Kenneth Mackenzie. Author of "The Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia". Was mentored by Frederick Hockley, a ritual magician. Acquainted with Eliphas Lévi, and alleged to have received continental Rosicrucian initiation from one Count Apponyi, an Austrian. Spent a lot of time founding various esoteric and quasi−masonic societies, such as the Sat Bahai, Fratres Lucis, etc. Was a member of a number of societies of which Westcott too was a member, such as the SRIA, Society of Eight, Swedenbourg Rite, etc. although he and Westcott were reported not to be particularly close. Modern scholars have speculated that it was in fact *he* who authored the GD Cipher Mss., Westcott getting hold of them after his death from his widow.

R W Little − founder of the SRIA.

Aleister Crowley. Originally sided with Mathers at the time of the split in the GD. Became disillusioned with Mathers over Horos scandal, finally splitting with him in 1906. Published GD rituals in his periodical "The Equinox" − Mathers tried and failed to obtain an injunction against it on the grounds of breach of copyright. Later, when the paper *The Looking Glass* defamed Crowley, his friend George Cecil Jones sued the paper for libel, claiming that he had been smeared by association. He lost. Incidentally, Crowley displayed a very low opinion of Waite in the Equinox, making Waite's comment that Crowley hadn't libelled *him* quite ironic.

Resurgam − Dr. Edward William Berridge, member of the AO. In 1897 Mathers suspended Berridge from the GD for three months after he got into a feud with Annie Horniman. Despite this, Berridge remained loyal to Mathers. When the GD first split in 1900, Berridge opened a counter−revolutionary "loyalist" temple in London. Berridge testified against Jones (nb: not as Waite says against Crowley − Crowley was not a party to the action) in the Looking Glass trial by revealing salacious details about Crowley's private life.

Vigilate − Mrs Helen Rand.

Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum ("Vestigia" or "VNR") − Moina Mathers, neé Bergson, Macgregor Mathers' wife.

Fortiter et Recte − Annie Horniman. Originally a friend of Moina, and benefactress of the Mathers in Paris. She eventually fell out with them − Mathers expelled her from the GD in 1896. She returned to the schismatic London faction in 1900 after they rebelled against Mathers. She left *them* after arguing with the chiefs (including Brodie−Innes and Felkin) in February 1903.

Magna Est Veritas − William Woodman. With Westcott and Mathers, one of the original chiefs of the Golden Dawn. Died 1891.

Christian Rosenkreuz ("CRC") − the mythical (legendary?) founder of the Rosicrucian Fraternity.

Ex Oriente LVX ("EOL") − Nevill Meakin. Member of the Stella Matutina, loyal to Felkin. Meakin, who was adopted, was supposedly descended via his natural parents from Sir Mordred, the cousin of King Arthur − whence his Grandmastership of the Order of the Graal. This was known in New Zealand as the Order of the Table Round, and is supposedly the continuation of the very "Knights of the Round Table" of Arthurian lore.

Iehi Aour − Allan Bennett. Adopted son of Macgregor Mathers. Mentor of Aleister Crowley. Left England to settle in Ceylon, to become a Buddhist monk.

Rudolf Steiner. Former Goethe scholar turned Mystic, Philosopher, and innovator in the fields of education, homeopathic medicine, bio−energetic farming, and diverse other fields. Was for a time General Secretary of the German Theosophical Society, however he was increasingly at odds with Annie Bessant in style and content, until finally splitting with her over her patronage of Krishnamurti. Subsequently formed the "Anthroposophical Society". As candidates for "Secret Chief" go, Steiner is probably the *least* secret, as his talents were widely recognised anyway, by

occultists such as Dion Fortune and Julius Evola.

Annie Bessant. Successor to Mme Blavatsky as leader of the Theosophical Society.

C W Leadbeater. Close ally and associate of Bessant in the Theosophical Society. Found the young Krishnamurti in India by allegedly clairvoyantly seeing his aura − he and Bessant subsequently proclaimed him the "World Teacher" and reincarnation of Christ. Widely regarded as a paedophile with a predilection for young boys.

Dr Thiessen. From Liege in Belgium. Alleged to be a Secret Chief who was in contact with Macgregor Mathers. A Martinist.

Rakocsi. Presumably related to the aristocratic Hungarian family of the same name. Annie Bessant's Theosophical Society alleged that he was a Master, and the reincarnation of Christian Rosenkreuz (see above). Also known as "The Master R.", Dion Fortune claimed to have spoken to him astrally once: Paul Foster Case claimed to have met him in person, which in turn led to Case founding the BOTA.